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Of the Late

DESIGN

Of the *PAPISTS* to charge their

Horrid PLOT

UPON THE

PROTESTANTS.

By endeavouring to corrupt Capt. BURY and Mr. BROOKS of *Dublin*; and to take off the Evidence of Mr. OATS and Mr. BEDLOW, &c.

As appears by the Depositions taken before the Right Honourable Sir *Joseph Williamson*, Knight, one of His Majesties late Principal Secretaries of State; And the several *Examinations* before Sir *William Waller*, Knight, One of His Majesties Justices of the Peace.

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THIS *Narrative* of the late Design of the Papists, *&c.* Published for general Information, *doth exactly agree with the Examinations taken by* Sir Joseph Williamson *and myself.*

WILLIAM WALLER.

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The DEPOSITIONS of CAPTAIN BURY.

ON the 11th of this Instant *January*, I received the annexed Note from Mr. *James Netterville*, on the 13th I went to him; as soon as I came, he told me, he had something to impart to me in private; We went into a Room alone, and he asked me *If* I did not here that there were persons making inquiry to find out some that would amuse those that had impeached the Lords, and those concerned about the Plot. I told him I heard nothing of it. He told me there were such, and that I should find the Game would turn another way; and that I might do my self a kindness, if I pleased. I told him my affairs called me for *Ireland*, that I must be gone on the *Thursday* following. He told me it would be worth my while to stay; and asked me if I could not prove that one Mr. *Digby* had meetings with Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow*. I told him no, for he knew there had been no great friendship of late betwixt us (this I lookt upon as an introduction to the design); but he came close to me, and told me, a person had been with him concerning this matter, and that indeed they had a jealousie of Mr. *Blood*, and if I would discover any thing of that nature against him, I should have 4 or 500*l*. for my pains. To this I seemed to hearken (but was much surprised at this unexpected discourse) and did plainly see their design was to turn the Game another way, as he said before. I did not discourage him, but told him I would consider of it; and if I did not go on *Thursday*, I would see him again; and that he knew well I was very hard to believe this plot; and then he told me that he could bring a prisoner in that place to drink a pot of Ale with me, that could give me an account what a Rogue Mr. *Bedlow* was; but I being in haste, took my leave of him, he injoyning me to secresie. At my return *I* could not meet with Mr. *Blood*, but having some business with Sir *Ralph Dalaval*, and the Lady *Elizabeth* his Daughter, and being full with this devilish design, I told the story to them, and said, when I was in *Ireland*, I should hear, and they should find that this was the Game they intended to play, To turn the plot from themselves, and doubted not they would find some to carry it on.

On the 14th (in the morning) I went to Mr. *Bloods* house, and acquainted him with it; he desired me to meet him in the evening, because he desired to consider of it; but told me then, he had no reason to slight it, because the morning before, a Knight [Sir *Thomas Longvile*] had been with him, and told him there was a design against him of the same kind, and desired him to inquire after it.

In the evening *I* met with Mr. *Blood*, who desired me to keep my correspondence with the said *Netterville*, and to know of him how *I* should be secured my payments, and what it was they would have me do.

On the 16th. I went accordingly to him, and told him I had considered of what we had discoursed before, and had stopt my Journey as to that day; he was very glad to see me, and told me, that the party [*Russel*] had been with him again about the business, and I might get 500*l* without any prejudice to my self, I told him that Money would do me a great kindness at this time (for he knew I had waited a long time here, and that it was very

ſtard with me), therefore deſired to know what they would have me to do, and how I ſhould be ſure of the 500*l*, for I expected it ſhould be a perſon of good credit that would lay down the 500*l*. He told me I ſhould not need to queſtion that, for they were of credit enough. But he that came to him [*Ruſſel*], was only imployed to pay the Money; and if *I* ſhall tell him that you will do the buſineſs, you ſhall be ſure of the money; not ſo, ſaid I, Firſt let me know what it is diſtinctly, and how I ſhall be ſure of the 500*l*, or *I* will not ſtir a foot in it, but begon on *Monday*. Saith he, Would you have the money before-hand? then it may be you will not do it. No, ſaid I, that I do not deſire. But will you depoſite it in a third hand? Truly, ſaid he, that is very fair, and I doubt not but they will do it (for I told him none was better able to carry it on than you; for *Mr. Blood*'s man was formerly your Servant, and preferred by you to him) and told me, that on *Saturday* by two or three of the Clock, his friend would be with him again; but that he would be ſhy of diſcourſing with me; and deſired that *I* would come to him [*Ruſſel*] on *Munday*, and then I ſhould underſtand more. Upon my return I acquainted *Mr. Blood* with the whole diſcourſe, and that I was to leave the town on *Munday*, haveing ſtayed my utmoſt time, becauſe I had a Suit depending in Chancery, at *Dublin*; and that if I were not there the beginning of the *Term*, it would be great damage to me, becauſe my abſence would be looked upon as a contempt; but *Mr. Blood* requeſted me to ſtay untill he had acquainted His Majeſty, or one of his Secretaries with it, to know his pleaſure as to my going or ſtay.

Sworn before me the 17 of *John Bury.*
Jan. 1678. J. Williamſon.

Saturday the 18th of *January*, I was with *James Netterville* in the Evening; he told me his Freind [*Ruſſel*] had left him about half an hour before I came, and that he acquainted him with what I propounded (to wit) that 500*l*. ſhould be depoſited in a third perſons hand; and he told me his friend was contented it ſhould be ſo, and thought it but reaſonable, and therefore was willing to put it into a Goldſmiths hand. I asked him if they had conſidered the method we ſhould carry this on? and whether they had drawn up the heads of what I was to ſwear? He told me, no; but his Friend would be with him again upon *Wedneſday*, and that all things ſhould be prepared and ready for me by *Thurſday* Morning. I asked him if it would be convenient for me to meet his Friend? He told me not as yet, for he was very wary, ſhy, and fearful of being betrayed. I told him I thought my meeting with him was not material; only, ſaid I, let him be ſure to ſecure the money, and he needs not doubt of effecting the buſineſs. But, ſaid *I*, 500 l. is not all that I expect from him for this ſervice, that is but a melting Caſh, and I have a great Charge, and a Wife and ſix Children, and you know I have lyen a long time waiting here, almoſt to my utter ruin, and have been very hardly dealt with. Now, if I accompliſh this, I ſhall loſe my intereſt in all other parties, and therfore expect he ſhould make me a very good intereſt with that party. Never fear that, ſaid he, you ſhall have intereſt enough with them; and if we can but turn off this Plot, there is no danger of effecting our buſineſs; for, ſaith he, the King will believe nothing of it. Well ſaid *I*, I muſt truſt to you to make my intereſt; but I partly ſee how things are like to go, and think it wiſdom to come in with the beginning of the Game. Saith he (ſwearing by his Maker) Never fear, if we turn off this Plot, we do our buſineſs, and you will be made for ever. But, ſaid I, Why will you defer this untill *Wedneſday*? That is a great while, and delayes are not good. Said he, I did not expect you ſhould ſtay till *Sunday*: But if I hear any thing in the mean time, I will write to you, and it ſhall be left at *Mr. Brooke*'s Lodging. I hear, ſaid I, the Parliament is Prorogued; and that is true enough

nough, said he; and till they meet again, we can receive no great damag[illegible] hear the Apprentices are ready to rise and pull down *Newgate*. Said I, then I suppose that is, because the men [*Jesuits*] are not executed. What else, said he? and that is our great danger; that the people should run into a Rebellion before we accomplish our business. I asked him if he had taken an abstract, as he said he would, of what that man in the prison could swear, to take off Mr. *Bedlow*'s Evidence. I have not yet, said he, but we are sure enough of him, and shall make *Bedlow* Rogue enough. Pray, said I, what will he swear? That the very morning the Proclamation came forth concerning Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*, Mr. *Bedlow* came to his chamber, and asked him if he had ever seen Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*: For, said he, if I knew what a like man he was, I could easily get 500*l.* and however, I am resolved to hazard my Neck, but I will have it; and that he would have had this man go with him to *Somerset-house* to see the Rooms, and promised to get him money, if he would go with him. But, said I, Mr. *Netterville*, it is said Mr. *Bedlow* was out of Town before the Proclamation came out; that is not so, saith he, for this mans Wife went into the Country with him. A great deal of discourse more we had, all tending to the incouraging of me to carry on this business, to turn this plot to be a *Protestant Plot* for the destruction of the *Papists*, and then I should be made for ever. When I paid the Reckoning, and was coming away, said he, you will always come to your charge, but I hope the end will pay for all.

On *Wednesday* the 22*d*, at Night, I went to Mr. *Netterville*. expecting to have the model how they would have me Swear, and in what Goldsmiths hand they would put the 500*l.* But as soon as ever I came to him, he told me that he had been put into such a fright, that he was never in all his life before; for, said he, Mr. *Oates*, Mr. *Bedlow*, Sir *William Waller*, and another Justice have been with me; they called for Irons, one would have fifty pound weight, another would have an hundred pound weight put upon me. At length Sir *William Waller* began to examine me, and told me, he knew I could discover a great deal; so I desired the rest might be put out of the Room, and I confest all to him and the other Justice, they both promising me my pardon. Have you confest all, said I? how could I help it, said he? I was never in such a fright in all my life; and they promised me my pardon. What have you confest, said I? I have told them, said he, that 500*l.* was to be deposited in a Goldsmiths hand, and that I had sent for a Gentleman, and treated with him about it. Have you told them my Name, said I? he paused at that; no, said he; but I must tell them, but I thought first to acquaint you with it. Then said I, it seems you have left me in the lurch, and have made no provision for me; therefore since it is so, you will give me leave to play my own Game; and seeing you have confest, let us now play our Game as well as we can on the other side, and be sure to be ingenuous, and confess what ever we know. I will immediately to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and declare the whole Story. Pray do so, saith he, neglect no time, but go this night. And so we parted.

John Bury.

The Deposition of Alderman BROOKS.

THat on or about the 23*d.* of *December*, 1678. I was at the *Marshalseys* in *Southwark*, where was one *James Netterville*, a prisoner there for debt; who desired me to do so much for him, as to carry a Note for a friend of his that was a prisoner also, unto one *Pierse Butler*, that lived in *Germanstreet*, near my Lodging; and said, if I would procure any of his friends to come to his friend there, he would have money enough, whereof he

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would have a ſhare; and alſo it would be a great kindneſs to him; whereupon I told him I would, provided he would write it quickly. Whereupon he called forth his friend, and they two conſulted together, and he wrote two or three lines, and gave them me for the ſaid *Butler*. But when I came to the place where I was directed, they told me he was gone out of Town in obedience to the Kings Proclamation. And ſo I troubled my ſelf no further; but put the Note in my pocket: The next morning he ſent a meſſenger to me, to know what I had done in it; I deſired him to tell the ſaid Mr. *Nettervile*, that the ſaid Mr. *Butler* was gone out of Town in obedience to his Majeſties Proclamation.

About ten days after, I had occaſion for ſome waſte paper; and putting my hand in my pocket, I hit on this Note that I ſhould have delivered to *Butler*, and opened it, and read it, and found in it theſe words written, or to this effect.

Sir, I am here committed by the name of Daniel Edmonds, *by a Juſtice of the Peace in the Country, as being a Recuſant. And therefore I deſire of you, that you will come unto me here, that I may adviſe with you, and in ſo doing, you will oblige your friend,*

Dominick Kelly.

This run in my mind, till about the 5th. inſtant at night; and then being at Mr. *Prado's* Coffee-houſe at *Charingcroſs*, I there met with a paper, intituled, Mr. *Praunces Diſcovery of the Plot, and of Sir* Edmondbury Godfreys *murtherers*; wherein (amongſt other things) there was mentioned two *Iriſh* Prieſts to be guilty, the one named *Gerrald*, and the other *Kelly*; whereupon it came into my mind, that the man that I carried the Note for into *Germanſtreet*, muſt be the ſame *Kelly*, becauſe by that Note he was committed by the name of *Edmonds*, and his name was *Kelly*.

The next morning being the 16th of this inſtant *January* (thinking to have found the ſame *Kelly* there), I came there; and coming to the aforeſaid *Nettervile*, and after ſome ſecret diſcourſe, I asked him how his friend did that I carried the Note for? he told me he procured Bail. Then I asked him what he was? he told me that he was a *Prieſt*, and one of thoſe that *Oats* (that Rogue) had impeached. I asked him how he could get Bail, being a Prieſt; he told me, they did not know that he was a Prieſt; and thoſe that were his Bail, would be Bail for any for money; and he gave them ten ſhilling a piece, and the fellow that procured them, five ſhillings; and he got them the copy of his Commitment for them to move by; and the Prieſt promiſed him, the ſaid *Nettervile*, ſeven pounds. But he had not left it him as yet; and ſo we left this diſcourſe, and came to other.

That he having ſent by me a Letter, and a petition to Mrs. *Eleanor Wall*, a Gentlewoman that belongs to the Dutcheſs of *Portſmouth* (whom he calls Cozen), whereby to get him ſome money for his preſent ſupply: but I having no opportunity to meet with her, could give him no account of that matter; whereupon he ſaid that he was in ſuch want, that if he had not help ſpeedily, he ſhould be turned into the Common-ſide: I told him that money was ſo ſcarce with me, that I could not lend him any; but if I could, I would. Whereupon he called me aſide into the corner of the Yard, by the Gate, and told me That if I would be rul'd by him, he would put me into a way whereby we ſhould have money enough. I asked him how? he told me, if I would but joyn and aſſiſt to vilifie the Evidence of *Oats* and *Bedlow*, thoſe two Rogues; whereupon I laughed at him, and ſaid, it is impoſſible; their Evidence was grounded upon too good a foundation: he told me I was miſtaken, and I ſhould hear otherwiſe in a little while.

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Upon the 17th. of *January* I went again to him, thinking to have gained ſomething of him, what was become of this Prieſt, but could not; and was taking my leave of him, ſaying, I muſt go home, for I had ſome buſineſs to write for *Ireland*, to ſend by Captain Bu*ry*, who was to go on Monday; he told me, he believed he ſhould ſtop Captain Bury's journey; I told him, I hoped not ſo; he anſwered, it ſhould not be to his prejudice. To which *I* anſwered, why then with all my heart, for I would not be againſt any thing that ſhould be for his good. And ſo there came in one *Ruſſel* an Iriſh man, that had ſome buſineſs with him. And ſo we parted.

William Brooks.

The ſecond information of Mr. Brooks.

I Being with *Mr. Nettervile* at the *Marſhalſey* in *Southwark*, Mr. *Nettervile* deſired me I would do him the kindneſs as to carry another Letter for his Friend to one Captain *Kelly*, who had three or four Employments in the Tower of *London*; I told him I would if it was any kindneſs to him. So *Nettervile* with *Dominick Kelly* went together, & wrote a Letter to this Capt *Kelly* of the Tower; the Contents were much the ſame with that I carried to *Pierce Butler*. I carried it to the Tower, and Capt. *Kelly* was not at home; ſo I delivered it to his Wife. As ſoon as ſhe read it, the tears were in her eye; ſhe ſtruck her hand on her breaſt, ſaying, *Alas poor man, is he taken? I was in hopes he had been ſafe, of all the reſt.* She thankt me very kindly, and told me, as ſoon as her Husband came home, ſhe would give it him. When I went to Mr. *Nettervile* again, he thankt me for carrying the Letter for his Friend *Dominick Kelly* to the Tower, and told me Capt. *Kelly* had been with them, and treated them very civilly with wine and meat, and had ſpent five ſhillings upon them. I asked *Nettervile* what Capt. *Kelly* was? He told me he was a true Iriſh man. I asked him if he was a Papiſt? He hath taken the Oaths, ſaid he; but he is a well-wiſher to us. On Thurſday the 16th. of *January*, *Nettervile* deſired me to carry a Letter from himſelf to Capt. *Kelly*, which Letter ſignified to him that his Friend *Dominick Kelly* was gone, and how that he had promiſed him 7 *l.* to diſcharge himſelf out of the Priſon, but had not yet been ſo good as his word; therefore deſired that he would take ſome ſpeedy courſe that he may have the 7*l.* to diſcharge himſelf out of Priſon; This Letter I delivered to Capt. *Kelly*'s own hand in the Tower. He read it, and told me he was very glad his Friend was out; but that he had never ſeen him ſince; pray, ſays he, remember me kindly to Mr. *Nettervile*, and tell him, For his kindneſs to my Friend, I will do him all the ſervice I can.

Upon the 28th. of *January* I was deſired by Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, to go to Mr. *Nettervile*, to try what more I could get out of him. On the 30th. I went to him, and told him, that I had met with Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*; and he ſeemed to be angry, and thought we had not diſcovered all we knew. And I told *Nettervile*, that although he had promiſe of his pardon, yet it was expected he ſhould do more for it than he had done: As for my part, ſaid I, you know I could diſcover nothing, but what diſcourſe paſſed betwixt you and I, and that I have done to the full. Therefore, if you know any more, I would adviſe you to diſcover it; for ſince you have gone thus far, I think you ought not to conceal any thing of what you know more. The Grand thing I perceive they deſire of you, and that which I think is all they can expect from you, is, That you would declare from whom the 500 *l.* was to come. He thankt me for my advice, and told me, that he believed Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* had not peruſed all his Examinations, for he had Anſwered all the Que-

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ſtions they had asked him. And if they had any thing more to ask him, he would Anſwer them.

Upon *Friday* the 31th of *January*, I acquainted Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* with what he ſaid; he ordered him to be brought to the Council on *Saturday* morning, where I met him at the door, before he was called; I told him, I ſuppoſed the cheif Queſtion that would be put to him, would be, Whoſe this 500 *l.* was? and begged of him that he would diſcover what he knew of it. Upon his coming out from the Council, I asked him if that was not the queſtion they put to him? he told me it was: I asked him what account he had given them, he told me he thought they were ſatisfied, for they were very kind to him, and promiſed him, that ſo long as they lived, he ſhould have the protection of that Board.

On *Tueſday*, the 4th. of *February* following, Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* ſeeing me at the Councell-door, called me in, and asked me if I thought I could get any more out of *Nettervile*? *I* tould him I thought he had given him ſatisfaction when he was before them, concerning whoſe the Money was. *I* told Sir *Joſeph* the diſcourſe I had with *Nettervile*, at his going into the houſe, and at his coming back; then he told me, that he had not been ingenious with them, for he would confeſs nothing at firſt; but after ſome queſtions being asked in general terms, he told them that it was to come from ſome of the Lords in the Tower; and deſired me that I would go once more to ſee if I could get any thing from him

The next morning the Earl of *Eſſex* deſired to ſpeak with me; I waited upon him at the Council-Chamber; and he deſired me alſo, that I would go to Mr. *Nettervile* to ſee what *I* could get further from him.

So on *Thurſday* the 6th of *February*, I did go to Mr. *Nettervile*, and told him I was not come on a bare viſit; but I was commanded by the Earl of *Eſſex*, and Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* (whom he knew had both been very kind to him) to adviſe him, that he would be ingenious, and diſcover what further he knew in this buſineſs. Truly, ſaid I, I ſuppoſe all they do expect from you, is, that you would make ſome clear diſcovery unto them whoſe money this 500 *l.* was; ſaith he (Swearing by his Soul) I did tell them all *I* knew, I thought they had been ſatisfied; no, ſaid I, they are not; and Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* ſaith, you were not ingenious; for you only in general terms told them it was ſome of the Lords money in the Tower. Now if you can remember which of the Lords money it was, it may ſatisfie them; for they judg, and ſo do I, and every one elſe, that *Ruſſel* would as eaſily tell you whoſe it was, as to tell you it was ſome of the Lords in the Tower. I could get no more from him a great while; but after we had ſate and diſcourſed ſometime, he told me that *Brewer* was to be before the Council the next day, and he believed he ſhould be ſent for too; I ſuppoſe not, ſaid I, unleſs I have ſome better account to give them from you: ſo juſt upon my coming away I told him; *Mr. Nettervile*, I am ſory I can give no better account of my Journey to you; therefore pray, if you have any thing more to ſay, let me know it before I go. After he had pauſed a while, By my Soul, ſaid he, I cannot remember the particular name of any Lord but one. Who is that, ſaid I? my Lord *Staffard*, ſaith he; but all the reſt were to contribute to it; for *Ruſſel* told me he was to go immediatly to the Tower, to get the Money raiſed; and that it was a difficult thing to get all the Lords together; and if he ſhould go to them apart, they might make ſcruples, and ſo delay the buſineſs; and therefore he ſhould make all the haſte he could to get the Money ready.

A Relation of other Material Circumstances and Discourses, in reference to the before mentioned design.

LEst the *Jesuitical* party should say of the following Proceedings, that they are false and feigned, as their Impudence affirmeth in all other inventions of theirs, when detected; 'Tis necessary the World should understand the occasional circumstances, introducing this hellish attaque to be made upon this honest Gentleman, Captain *Bury*, who for his worth and reputation is known to several persons of Honour and good Quality in this *Nation*.

The affairs that brought him into *England*, from his habitation in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was to Petition His Majesty, and the Honourable Privy-Council, touching a debt due to his Father, Sir *William Bury* of *Grantham* in *Lincolnshire*, deceased, for his service in being one of His *Majesties* Lords Commissioners for managing the Government of *Ireland*; and in prosecution thereof, being several times in company with Mr. *Netervile*, who was formerly a Clerk in the Court of Claims, in *Dublin*, and who pretended to inform the Captain of several concealed Lands and houses in *Ireland*, which he might place his debt upon; And upon the Captains receipt of his said Letter of the 11th of *January*, 1678, desiring a speedy conference with the Captain, touching matters which may redound to his advaintage, which the Captain readily embraced (supposing it referred to the said concealed Houses and Lands); and according to *Netervile's* request by his Note, on the said 13th of *January* last, the Captain visited the said *Netervile* in the *Marshalsey* in *Southwark*; when in stead of a communication as to the aforesaid concerns (the said *Netervile* being no stranger to the Captains long abode here, and the expence he had been at in his solicitation) took the opportunity to feel the Captains pulse, as to the horrid fact before-mentioned.

Prima facie. It astonished the honest Captain to think that *Netervile* had discovered a matter of that nature to him; and considering if he should reveal it to any one, there would be but his asserting it, and *Netervile's* denial, besides the censure the World would pass on the Captains Reputation, from the apprehension in *Netervile's* breast, that the Captain would be, or was fit to be profligated in such a concern, which with the danger and hazard he might expose his life to by such discovery, and the urgency of his particular affairs requiring his personal and speedy attendance in *Dublin* (having two Conditional Decrees awarded against him, which would have been made absolute this last *Hillary-term* for want of his appearance there). All these Considerations made him sometimes resolve within himself, to stifle the wicked proposals of *Netervile*.

But weighing the direful effects of such a contrivance, which if prosecuted by some other Instruments, when he was departed this Kingdom, would not only have been the destruction of his intimate friend, and old acquaintance, Mr. *Blood*, but prejudicial to his Majestie, and the whole Kingdom, in taking off the evidence of Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedloe*; and thereby the *Papists* might still carry on their devilish design and Plot, when they had washed their own hands, and made such an alteration; when the innocent would have been ruined, and the true *Bloodsuckers* acquitted.

This Consideration so affected the Captain, that he resolved to leave the event of his particular concerns to Providence; and as you read by his Deposition, he repaired to Mr. *Blood*, and gave him intelligence thereof. And having so imparted the same to him, the goodnes of God appeared much to the Captains satisfaction, touching his troublesome thoughts about his particular concerns, by his Majesties Gracious pleasure, in ordering

Sir *Joseph Williamson* to write to the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, that the Captain might sustain no damage in his concerns, by his non-appearance there, being commanded by his Majestie to attend his Service here, which Letter was sent accordingly.

Upon the 17th. of *January* last, as the Captain was going to attend Sir *Joseph Williamson*, to give in his Deposition, meeting with Alderman *Brooks*, and discoursing with him of *Nettervile*, he told the Captain he had been at the *Marshalleys* the day before with *Nettervile*, and feared he had done a very ill thing; which upon the Captains enquiry what it was, the said Mr. *Brooks* was somewhat unwilling to acknowledg, until he had searcht further into it. But before their departure, Mr. *Brooks* told the Captain, that *Nettervile* had procured Bail for one *Dominick Kelly*, who was one of the Murtherers of Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*; which Relation of the Alderman gave a confirmation to the Captain of the wickedness of *Nettervile*, and Gods Goodness in animating the Captain to what he was then going about, touching his own Information.

Which when he had signified to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, he was much affected with it, & told the Captain of what great concernment it was, to have the said *Dominick Kelly* in custody; and desired the Captain to bring the said Alderman *Brooks* to him; which the Captain desired respite in, that Mr. *Brooks* might make some further inquiry, as he said he would, into the concerns; and also least the Information given by the said Captain should be discovered, before there was a further progress made for the obtaining a full discovery of the design, and persons acting therein.

Upon the [19 *January*] *Sunday* morning, Mr. *Brooks* came to the Captains Lodging, to know whether his Journey held for *Ireland* the next day; and then told the Captain he had been the day before with *Nettervile*; and upon the Captains demanding whether he had learnt any thing more touchig *Dominick Kelly*, the said Mr. *Brooks* gave the Captain the full account, which the Captain caused to be put in writing, and carried him to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, to make Oath of the same, which he did, which appears by his foregoing information. And the Captain could not but take notice of a Series of Providence all along in this business; for by what Alderman *Brooks* attested, *Dominick Kelly* was so infatuated, as to send the Letter unsealed to *Pierce Butler* by the Alderman, although he was in such dangerous Circumstances.

Upon Mr. *Brooks* his free acknowledgment of these passages, the Captain (desireing his secrecie) acquainted the said Mr. *Brooks* of *Nettervile's* prank with him; which on the *Monday* following, Mr. *Brooks* (being to meet Mr. *Lowman* and Mr. *Glover*, the Keeper and Clerk of the *Marshalsey*, to consider some way for the discovery of those who were Bail for *Dominick Kelly*) happend to give some hints of the Captains information to the said Mr. *Lowman*, and Mr. *Glover*; whereby Mr *Oates* coming to have some understanding thereof, with Mr *Bedlow*, and by an untimely process therein, going to *Nettervile* with Sir *William Waller*, spoyled the proceedings, which otherwise might in a little time have produced the 500 *l.* deposited in the Goldsmiths hand, and full intelligence of the parties concerned in the proj&, and of the Depositions which the Captain was to have Sworn, when he received the 500 *l.* from *Russel*, and the seizure of the said *Russel*, &c.

Upon *Thursday* the 23*d*, of *January*, Mr. *Brooks* met with the Captain, and told him what *Nettervile* had related to him of the business of Captain *Kelly* in the *Tower*; He told him the story, as you find in his information. And further told the Captain, that he had another Letter, which he was going to carry to Captain *Kelly* in the *Tower*; and *Nettervile* told him the said Mr. *Brooks*, that if Captain *Kelly* did not send him the 7 *l.* he

the said *Nettervile* did know enough to turn him out of the *Tower*. I have, saith *Brooks*, taken a Copy of this Letter; and the Captain desired he might see it, which he did; & the contents were to signifie to Captain *Kelly*, what a fright the said *Nettervile* had been put into by Mr. *Oates* and Mr. *Bedlow*, having been with him. And therefore *Nettervile* desired Captain *Kelly* to send him the 7*l.* to discharge him out of that Prison, lest worse should come on it; and upon the Captains reading the Copy of the said Letter, he desired Mr. *Brooks* not to be too hasty in delivering that Letter to Capain *Kelly*; but that he would draw up by way of information what he had told him, and goe along with the said Captain to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and give in the information, and take his advice.

So that on *Fryday* the 24*th* of *January*, the Captain and Mr. *Brooks* went to *Sir Joseph Williamson*, and gave him the information, and the said Letter with the Copy thereof; Then Sir *Joseph* told the Captain and Mr. *Brooks*, that the Committee of Lords was going to sit, and that they should attend at the Council-door, and he would call them in, that they might know their Lordships pleasure, as to the delivery of the Letter to Captain *Kelly*, After debate, their Lordships were of opinion, That the Letter should not be delivered, but thought they had sufficient ground to Seize Captain *Kelly*, and to search his house for *Dominick Kelly*, and for papers; in order to which, *Sir Joseph Williamson* was sent for his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, who immediately came to the Council; where the Lords accquained his Grace with the business, & desired he would give Mr. *Brooks* a Warrant to fetch Capt. *Kelly*. His Grace was pleased to send for his Secretary, and ordered him immediately to draw a Warrant directed to Sir *John Robinson*, to assist them with a Guard, for executing the Warrant, and *Nettervile* was ordered to be brought to the Council that afternoon.

And so the Captain and *Mr. Brooks* accompanied with Sir *William Waller*, went to the *Tower*; and being Guarded by Sir *John Robinson*, came to Captain *Kellys* house, and there his Footboy came to the door; and upon inquiry for his Master, the boy replied, he was not within; they ask'd him if he knew where he was; the Boy told them no, for he dined abroad: They went into the House, and in the Room where the Lord *Stafford* Lodgeth, they found Captain *Kelly*, and brought him to the Council with what Papers they could find; but *Nettervile* had been examined; and was gone away before, and had confessed the sending the Letters, and Captain *Kellys* being with them in the *Marshalseys*, *&c.*

The Captain thereupon was put into the Messengers hands, and ordered to be brought before their Lordships next morning, and *Nettervile* also (who were face to face at the Council-Table).

Capt. *Kelly* denied that he knew this *Dominick Kelly*, *Nettervile* told him he would not deny surely that he was with them at the *Marshalseys*, which Capt. *Kelly* then confessed; some of their Lordships asked what he did at the *Marshalseys*? Captain *Kelly* said, he went to visit *Mr. Nettervile*, truly said *Nettervile* 'twas kindly done of you, *Sir*, for I never saw or heard of you before, until your Cozen *Dominick Kelly* told me of you and desired me to send a Letter from him to you.

Capt. *Kelly* after Examination, was committed to a Messenger again; but soon after he put in bail, and I have heard there was an Order of Council to turn him out of his employment. But whether it be so, or no, I know not.

That *Russel* (upon the *Thursday* after Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow* had been with *Nettervile*, at the prison) came again to *Nettervile* and instead of being apprehended, as *Nettervile*

promised *Lawman* he should, *Nettervile* gave him notice of the discovery, & he went out immediately & escaped. And after he was gone, *Nettervile* then told *Lawman* he had been there; they pursued him, and saw him take Boat, but could not overtake him. But Mr. *Brooks* had a warrant from Sir *Joseph Williamson* to search for him at his house, but his wife told them, that he was at the *French* Ambassadors house, and had not lain at home in ten or twelve Nights; which the Council being informed of, were very diligent to apprehend him, and offered 20*l*. to those that could discover him.

This *Russel*, mentioned in the deposition, is a Rank *Papist*, and an *Irish*-man, who married Madam *Kemp*, the Dutchess of *Portsmouths* Gentlewoman: *Nettervile* and *Brewer* are of the same Faction, and are now Prisoners in the *Marshalseys*. The deponents, Capt. *Berry* and Alderman *Brooks*, are both honest Gentlemen, and good Protestants; and such, whose principles detested either to engage in, or conceal such abominable Villany: however *Nettervile* was so infatuated, as to conceive them fit to be profligated.

Now Reader, thou hast seen the whole contrivance, *&c.* and mayest easily discern what intentions of the *Romanists* were, what the natural consequence thereof would have been, I leave to thy own conjuncture, and shall only add this true circumstance, as a farther confirmation of their wicked design in this matter, *viz.*

That several persons (by them appointed) were a little before this discovery at the houses of some *Presbyterians*, well known in the City of *London*, to pray their charitable contribution towards the maintenance of Mr. *Oats* and *Mr. Bedlow*, upon this specious, though false suggestion, That His Majesties allowance was not sufficient for their Incouragement; but the parties to whom they applied themselves (supposing their intentions were to abuse their King and Countrey, and to procure Coyn for themselves), rejected them with checks; and it was well they did; for otherwise, who knows what advantage they might have made thereof, in order to the effecting their wicked enterprize?

And thus I have done, trusting to the Readers candor, which if a Protestant, I do not doubt of, if a *Papist*, neither expect or care for it; I being one of quite different principles, and one whose prayers, as well as endeavours, shall be constantly engaged, for the frustration of their hellish Attempts.

Concerning my intentions in the publication of these Depositions, they were only for the publick good, and to expose to view the wicked subtilties of these men, that the Nation (and all true Protestants) may be made sensible of their devices; that if ever they use the same, or the like again, they may be with the more ease detected, and rendred abortive. And also that all sincere Christians, may ascribe the praise of all their deliverances (as well of this as others) to that God who hath so visibly and constantly appeared for the vindiction of his people, and for infatuating the persons, as well as rendring unsuccessful the Attempts of his and their implacable Enemies.

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